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HEAVE HO, MATES! CLIMB ABOARD THE SLAVE SHIP AND SEE HOW THE BLACK-HEARTED CAPTAIN LINES HIS POCKETS WITH BLOODSTAINED GOLD! BUT THE BEST LAID SCHEMES OF RATS HAVE A WAY OF BACKFIRING!
ALBERT HOSKINS WAS THE SKIPPER OF A SLAVE SHIP, AND A MODEL OF CRUELTY AND AVARICE! HUMAN FEELINGS WERE AS MISSING IN HOSKINS AS WERE SENSIBLE RULINGS IN THE SALVAGE LAWS BY WHICH HE LIVED!
WE'RE TAKIN' ON PLENTY OF WATER, CAP'N HOSKINS! HOW'S THE STORM LOOK?
GREAT, SON! GREAT! WE'LL MAKE A PACK OF MONEY OUT OF THIS BLOW!
AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!
SLAVE SHIP
THE SEAMS ARE SPREADIN' SKIPPER! I WOULDN'T SWEAR FOR THE SHIP HOLDIN' TOGETHER MUCH LONGER!
YOU'RE CRAZY, SON! MY OLD TUB'S BEEN THROUGH WORSE THAN THIS!
BUT I AIN'T SAYIN' THE SAME FOR THE OTHER BEGGARS CAUGHT IN THIS BLOW! MANY A FINE SHIP AN' RICH CARGO WILL GO DOWN IN THIS STORM, EH, JENSEN?
IT AIN'T NOTHIN, TO JOKE ABOUT, CAPTAIN!
Bill Benulis E 210

I ALWAYS GRIN WHEN I THINK OF MONEY, JENSEN! ANY WRECK I MEET UP WITH CAN BE TOWED IN OR ITS CARGO TRANSFERRED! EITHER WAY IT MEANS A FAT SALVAGE AWARD FOR ME!
HE DON'T THINK OF ANYTHIN' BUT MONEY, DOES HE?
MONEY IS HOSKINS' GOD! THIS IS THE LAST TIME I SHIP OUT WITH HIM! I'D HATE TO BE IN A SPOT WHERE HOSKINS HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MY LIFE AN' MAKIN' A FEW DOLLARS!
HEY, NICHOLSON! SEEN ANY SIGN OF A WRECK YET?
NO, SKIPPER! I CAN HARDLY SEE MY OWN HAND IN FRONT OF MY FACE! THIS MAST IS GROANIN' LIKE A DYIN' MAN! LET ME COME DOWN!
CREAK
CREAK
AN' MISS RUNNIN' ACROSS A SALVAGE CHANCE? YOU COME DOWN AND I'LL BREAK YOUR YELLOW NECK!
THE SCAVENGER! HE'D KILL US ALL TO LINE HIS POCKETS!
WE'LL FIND ONE! A STORM LIKE THIS HAS TO TAKE ITS TOLL! SOMEWHERE BETWEEN HERE AN' CHARLESTON WE'LL SIGHT A WRECK!
IF I DON'T TAKE ABOARD A FOUNDERIN' CARGO, THE OWNER LOSES IT FOREVER! THIS WAY, THE OWNER AN' I BOTH COLLECT!
JUST BEFORE DAWN, AS THE STORM ABATED...
WRECK DUE NORTH! LOOKS LIKE THE SAMOA STAR!
THE SAMOA STAR? SHE'S USUALLY LOADED TO THE GUNWALES WITH COTTON GOODS FROM MANCHESTER! MAKE FOR HER!
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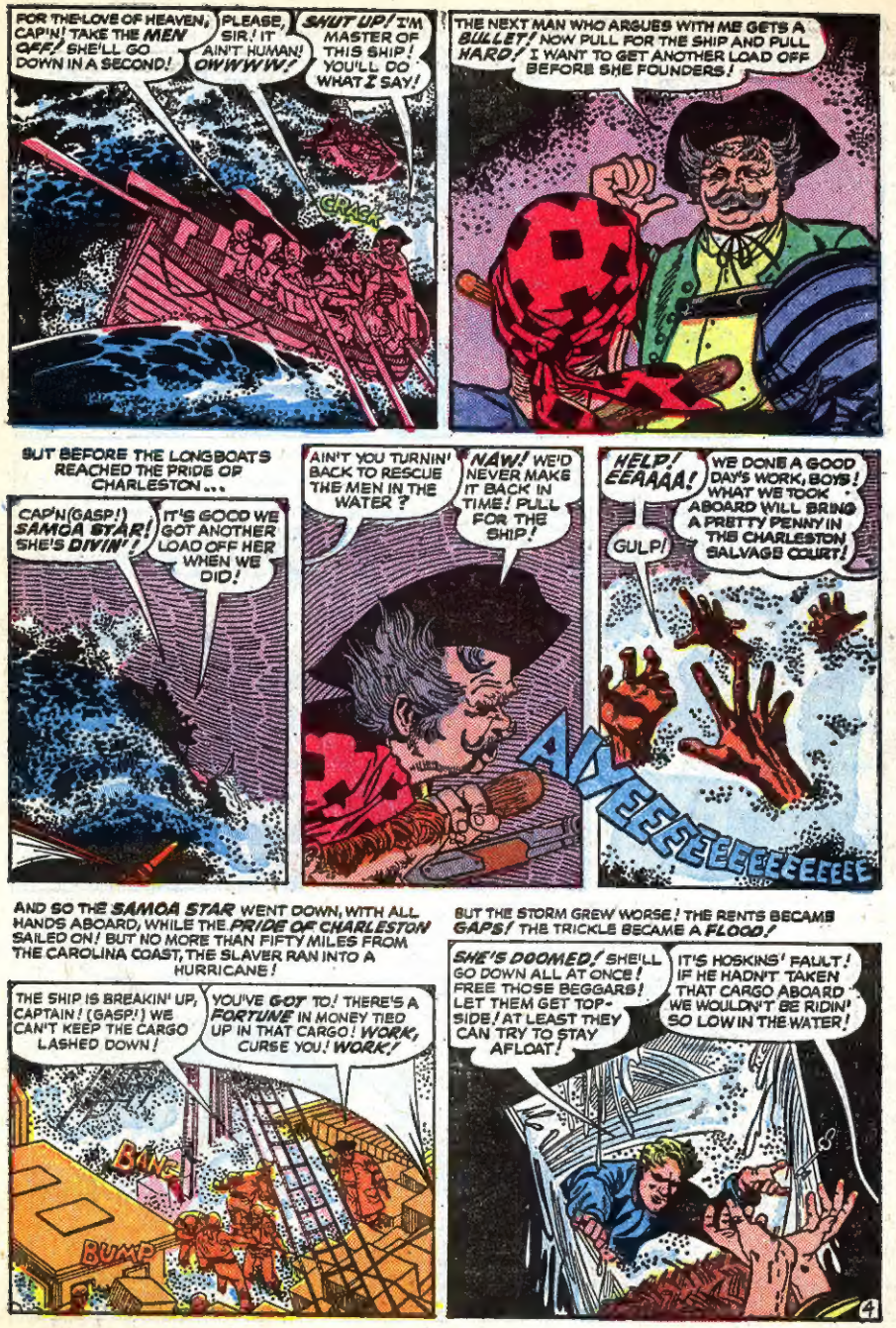
BAD LUCK, CAPTAIN! IT'S THE PRIDE OF CHARLESTON! YOU KNOW HOSKINS' REPUTATION!
TOO WELL! WE'RE IN FOR IT!
AHOY, SAMOA STAR! WHAT CONDITION ARE YOU IN?
THE HULK IS DOOMED! WE'RE SINKING FAST... AND NO LIFE-BOATS LEFT! THEY WERE ALL WASHED OVERBOARD IN THE STORM!
HOW'S THE CARGO? IS THE CARGO RUINED?
TO BLAZES WITH THE CARGO! IT'S OUR LIVES I'M THINKING ABOUT! TAKE US OFF, HOSKINS!
LATER! AFTER I SALVAGE YOUR CARGO! I'LL SEND SOME LONGBOATS ALONGSIDE! THE FASTER YOU FILL 'EM UP WITH GOODS, THE SOONER WE'LL TAKE YOU OFF!
ARE YOU MAD, HOSKINS? SHE'LL SINK AT ANY TIME! WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT... LIVES OR CARGO?
I AIN'T INTERESTED IN YOUR LIVES, MISTER! MAKE UP YOUR MIND! DO YOU HELP LOAD MY LONG-BOATS OR DO I SAIL ON?
HOSKINS, YOU DEVIL! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
DON'T BLAME ME, CAPTAIN! BLAME THE SALVAGE LAWS! ACCORDIN' TO MARITIME LAW, A SALVAGE AWARD IS MADE ONLY FOR PROPERTY! I COULD SAVE YOUR WHOLE CREW AND NOT MAKE A PENCE OUT OF IT! TAKE THAT CARGO ABOARD!
BUT IT'LL TAKE HOURS TO TRANSFER THIS STUFF! WE'LL NEVER GET IT OFF IN TIME!
IT AIN'T MY FAULT! THE SALVAGE COURTS SAY THE SALVOR OF LIFE CAN'T BE COMPENSATED! I GOT A LIVIN' TO MAKE! IT'S YOUR CARGO THAT MAKES MONEY, NOT YOU!
SO FOR HOURS, WHILE THE SAMOA STAR SETTLED LOWER IN THE WATER, ITS CARGO WAS TRANSFERRED...
HURRY UP! SHE'S SETTLIN' FAST AN' WE AIN'T GOT HALF THE CARGO OUT OF HER!


FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN, CAP'N! TAKE THE MEN OFF! SHE'LL GO DOWN IN A SECOND!
PLEASE, SIR! IT AIN'T HUMAN! OWWWW!
SHUT UP! I'M MASTER OF THIS SHIP! YOU'LL DO WHAT I SAY!
CRACK
THE NEXT MAN WHO ARGUES WITH ME GETS A BULLET! NOW PULL FOR THE SHIP AND PULL HARD! I WANT TO GET ANOTHER LOAD OFF BEFORE SHE FOUNDERS!
BUT BEFORE THE LONGBOAT'S REACHED THE PRIDE OF CHARLESTON...
CAP'N (GASP!) SAMOA STAR! SHE'S DIVIN'!
IT'S GOOD WE GOT ANOTHER LOAD OFF HER WHEN WE DID!
AIN'T YOU TURNIN' BACK TO RESCUE THE MEN IN THE WATER?
NAW! WE'D NEVER MAKE IT BACK IN TIME! PULL FOR THE SHIP!
HELP! EEAAAA!
GULP!
WE DONE A GOOD DAY'S WORK, BOYS! WHAT WE TOOK ABOARD WILL BRING A PRETTY PENNY IN THE CHARLESTON SALVAGE COURT!
AVEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
AND SO THE SAMOA STAR WENT DOWN, WITH ALL HANDS ABOARD, WHILE THE PRIDE OF CHARLESTON SAILED ON! BUT NO MORE THAN FIFTY MILES FROM THE CAROLINA COAST, THE SLAVER RAN INTO A HURRICANE!
THE SHIP IS BREAKIN' UP, CAPTAIN! (GASP!) WE CAN'T KEEP THE CARGO LASHED DOWN!
YOU'VE GOT TO! THERE'S A FORTUNE IN MONEY TIED UP IN THAT CARGO! WORK, CURSE YOU! WORK!
BANG!
BUMP
BUT THE STORM GREW WORSE! THE RENTS BECAME GAPS! THE TRICKLE BECAME A FLOOD!
SHE'S DOOMED! SHE'LL GO DOWN ALL AT ONCE! FREE THOSE BEGGARS! LET THEM GET TOPSIDE! AT LEAST THEY CAN TRY TO STAY AFLOAT!
IT'S HOSKINS' FAULT! IF HE HADN'T TAKEN THAT CARGO ABOARD WE WOULDN'T BE RIDIN' SO LOW IN THE WATER!
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COME BACK, YOU COWARDS! SECURE THAT CARGO! THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AN' THEY'RE LETTIN' IT FLOAT AWAY! SECURE IT, CURSE YOU!
NO! THE SHIP'S FILLIN' UP! ABANDON SHIP!
THIS IS MUTINY! COME BACK! THE STORM'S OVER! THE SHIP... (GASP!) ... IT'S GOIN' DOWN! OHNN!
RIPP?
GURGLE
GURGLE
HOURS LATER, AS THE SEAS GREW CALM...
A SAIL! THEY'RE MAKIN' IN OUR DIRECTION! WE'RE SAVED!
SHOUT, BOYS! SHOUT! WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES OF BEIN' PASSED UP! NIGHT'S COMIN' IN FAST AND THESE WATERS ARE SHARK-INFESTED!
AN HOUR LATER, RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE IN FULL SWING...
HEY! YOU'RE FORGETTIN' ME! I'M CAPTAIN HOSKINS! MASTER OF THE SUNKEN SHIP! RESCUE ME FIRST!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM? THEY TOOK ABOARD MY CREW! NOW THEY'RE TAKIN' ON THE SLAVES! LISTEN! IT'S ME... HOSKINS! I'M OVER HERE! I SHOULD BE RESCUED FIRST!
I HEAR YOU, HOSKINS! THE CREW TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SAMOA STAR! I'M DOING WHAT YOU DID! SALVAGING THE PROPERTY FIRST!
N-NO! NO! (GASP!) THE DARK IS CLOSIN' IN! THE SHARKS ARE GETTIN' CLOSER!
SORRY, CAPTAIN! JUST ACTING ON YOUR OWN THEORY! SLAVES ARE CARGO! THEY'VE GOT MARKET VALUE! A SALVOR CAN GET AN AWARD FOR SAVING THEM... BUT THEIR MASTER ISN'T WORTH A DIME!
NO! NO! (GASP!) THE SHARKS! THEY'RE HERE!
SPLASH
SPLASH
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THE DARK CLOSED IN... SO DID THE SHARKS! BUT THAT WASN'T ALL! DOWN BELOW, HOSKINS SAW SOMETHING ELSE WAITING FOR HIM! THE SHARKS' TEETH WOULD BE PAINLESS, COMPARED WITH THEM!
THE END

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GAFLIN'S GHOST

ELDRIDGE STEVENS had heard about the Gaflin haunted house for years. He had been dealing in ghostly lore and fortune-telling, mostly as a racket, for quite some time when he had stumbled across the story of the terrible betrayal and the even more terrible punishment.

A wizened little man, who was working as a barker in the circus with which Stevens traveled, told it to him.

"Happened in my home town a long time ago," he said. "Bank was robbed by four masked men who got away successfully. At least so we thought at the time."

Stevens looked up from the slightly chipped crystal ball that he was polishing. "You mean they were caught eventually?"

"Nope. But we found out later that the reason they'd seemed to have gotten away so fast was because they'd dodged into old man Gaflin's mansion. He was in cahoots with them—they'd planned the hideout all beforehand, I mean — and he stashed them away in a partitioned-off corner of the attic. Then, of course, the fire gave it all away."

"The fire?"

The little man nodded. "You see, old man Gaflin figured out that one-fifth of the loot was a little less than he liked. Yet, according to the agreement worked out before the bank-robbery, one-fifth was all he deserved for hiding them."

Stevens crossed his arms and leaned back in the folding chair. He looked expectantly across the little tent at the circus barker.

"Well," the other fellow went on, "soon as Gaflin had that worked out, the only thing he had left to figure was how to take more than his share. The loot was in the possession of the men who had done the robbery and they were all well armed. They wouldn't exactly give him any more, if you know what I mean. So, making sure that the corner of the attic where they were hiding was locked and double-locked, old man Gaflin set the house afire. The four bank robbers burned to death."

"But didn't the money burn up with them?" Stevens demanded. "And didn't their yells attract any attention?"

"Well, first of all, in those days we were using more silver and gold currency than paper money, and they'd been awfully carefully to take as much of the metal stuff as they could. Secondly, the house was just outside town and it was old and dry: it went up almost before any one could get out there. Afterwards there was talk of hearing men screaming, but no one took the talk seriously. Gaflin wouldn't let anyone touch the ruins: he insisted they wait until the man from the insurance company got out there and certified the damage. Then, of course, when folks left him to go back to bed, he buried what was left of the four corpses in one part of the garden and the loot in another part."

Eldridge Stevens leaned forward, greed showing sharp and clear in every line of his cunning face.

"How did people find out what had occurred?" he asked in a hoarse voice.

"That's the story, just that Gaflin," continued the little man, "was a pretty old coot. When he'd finished and turned to go back in the house, his leaky heart just popped. They found him lying dead across the doorstep the next morning. Ever since then, folks back in town say, he's haunted the house, in payment for his crime. And he'll

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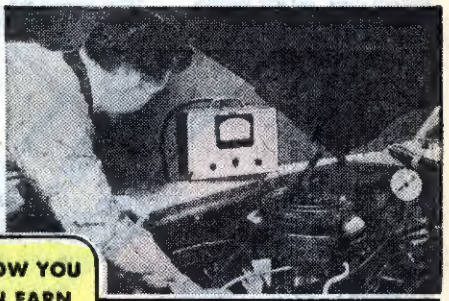

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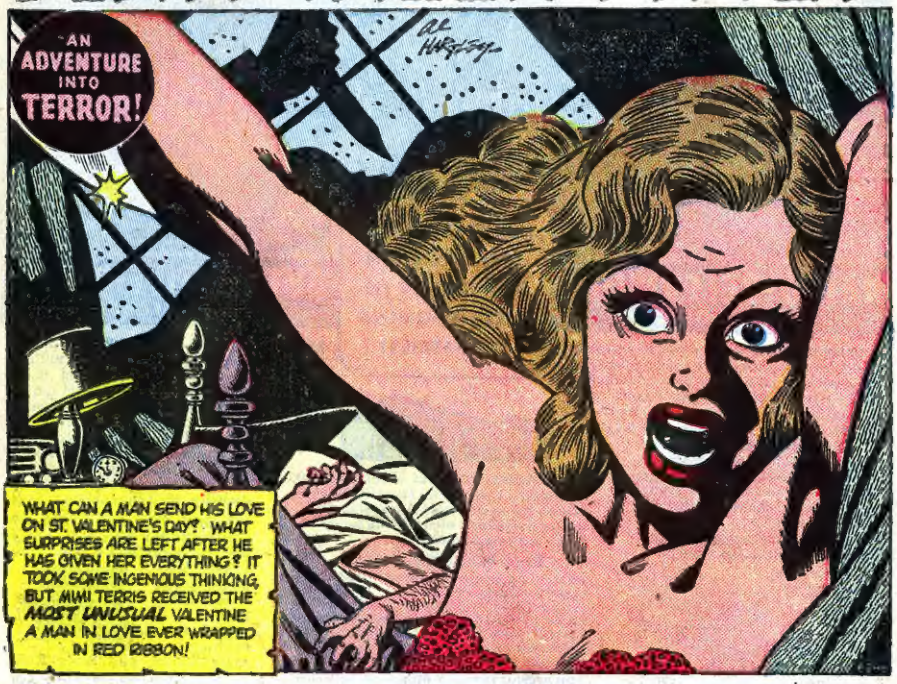
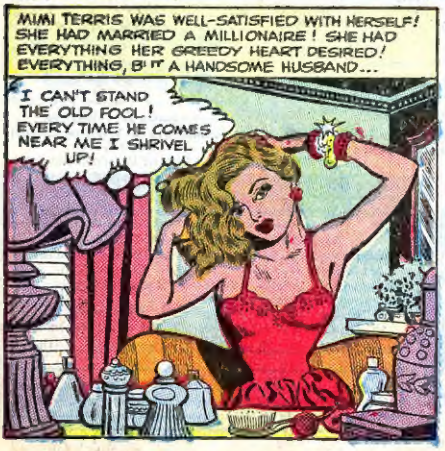
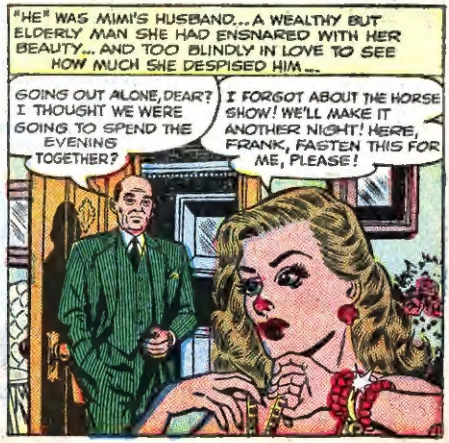
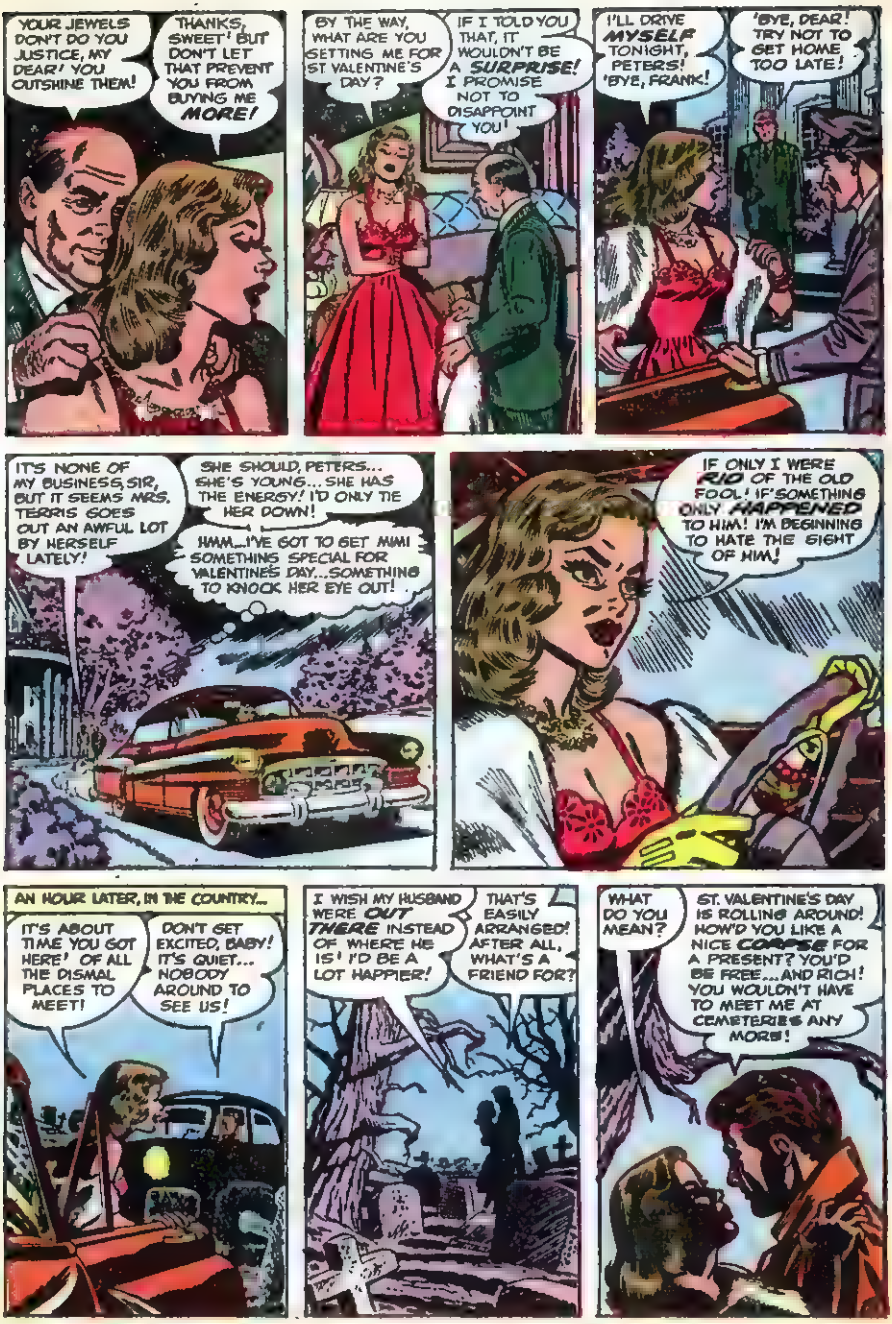
SO THE GREEDY CAPTAIN GOT WHAT HE DESERVED! SPEAKING OF GREEDY CHARACTERS, WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MIMI... WHO'S GOT **HER** EYES ON A LOT OF DOUGH TOO! **YOU'LL** BE SHOCKED BY WHAT MIMI **GETS**!

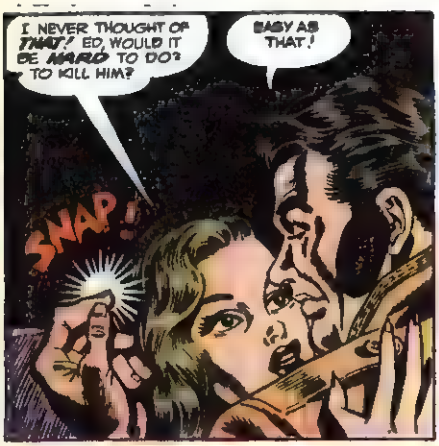
DEAR VALENTINE!


AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!
WHAT CAN A MAN SEND HIS LOVE ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY? WHAT SURPRISES ARE LEFT AFTER HE HAS GIVEN HER EVERYTHING? IT TOOK SOME INGENIOUS THINKING, BUT MIMI TERRIS RECEIVED THE MOST UNUSUAL VALENTINE A MAN IN LOVE EVER WRAPPED IN RED RIBBON!


MIMI TERRIS WAS WELL-SATISFIED WITH HERSELF! SHE HAD MARRIED A MILLIONAIRE! SHE HAD EVERYTHING HER GREEDY HEART DESIRED! EVERYTHING, BUT A HANDSOME HUSBAND...
I CAN'T STAND THE OLD FOOL! EVERY TIME HE COMES NEAR ME I SHRIVEL UP!

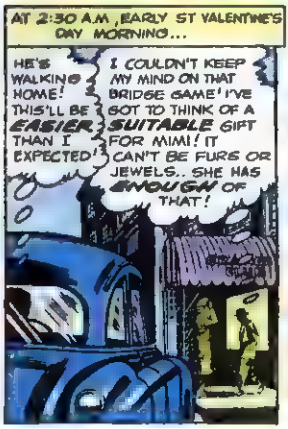

"HE" WAS MIMI'S HUSBAND... A WEALTHY BUT ELDERLY MAN SHE HAD ENSNARED WITH HER BEAUTY... AND TOO BLINDLY IN LOVE TO SEE HOW MUCH SHE DESPISED HIM...
GOING OUT ALONE, DEAR? I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO SPEND THE EVENING TOGETHER?
I FORGOT ABOUT THE HORSE SHOW! WE'LL MAKE IT ANOTHER NIGHT! HERE, FRANK, FASTEN THIS FOR ME, PLEASE!


YOUR JEWELS DON'T DO YOU JUSTICE, MY DEAR! YOU OUTSHINE THEM!
THANKS, SWEET! BUT DON'T LET THAT PREVENT YOU FROM BUYING ME MORE!
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ME FOR ST VALENTINE'S DAY?
IF I TOLD YOU THAT, IT WOULDN'T BE A SURPRISE! I PROMISE NOT TO DISAPPOINT YOU!
I'LL DRIVE MYSELF TONIGHT, PETERS! 'BYE, FRANK!
'BYE, DEAR! TRY NOT TO GET HOME TOO LATE!
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, SIR, BUT IT SEEMS MRS. TERRIS GOES OUT AN AWFUL LOT BY HERSELF LATELY!
SHE SHOULD, PETERS... SHE'S YOUNG... SHE HAS THE ENERGY! I'D ONLY TIE HER DOWN!
HMM... I'VE GOT TO GET MIMI SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR VALENTINE'S DAY... SOMETHING TO KNOCK HER EYE OUT!
IF ONLY I WERE RID OF THE OLD FOOL! IF SOMETHING ONLY HAPPENED TO HIM! I'M BEGINNING TO HATE THE SIGHT OF HIM!
AN HOUR LATER, IN THE COUNTRY...
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE! OF ALL THE DISMAL PLACES TO MEET!
DON'T GET EXCITED, BABY! IT'S QUIET... NOBODY AROUND TO SEE US!
I WISH MY HUSBAND WERE OUT THERE INSTEAD OF WHERE HE IS! I'D BE A LOT HAPPIER!
THAT'S EASILY ARRANGED! AFTER ALL, WHAT'S A FRIEND FOR?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY IS ROLLING AROUND! HOW'D YOU LIKE A NICE CORPSE FOR A PRESENT? YOU'D BE FREE... AND RICH! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO MEET ME AT CEMETERIES ANY MORE!



I'D GET AWAY WITH IT, TOO! IT WOULD BE A STICK-UP. NO CLUES!
WE COULD GET MARRIED LATER! THINK OF IT, ED! YOU AND I...TOGETHER... WITH ALL THAT MONEY TO SPEND!

BY SATURDAY NIGHT, FEB. 13 TH, THE NIGHT BEFORE ST VALENTINE'S DAY, EVERYTHING WAS SET...
HE JUST LEFT! YOU CAN PICK UP HIS TRAIL OUTSIDE THE GRANGE CLUB! HE'S GOING THERE FOR DINNER! ED, BE CAREFUL!
LEAVE IT TO ME, BABY!


AT 2:30 A.M., EARLY ST VALENTINE'S DAY MORNING...
HE'S WALKING HOME! THIS'LL BE EASIER THAN I EXPECTED!
I COULDN'T KEEP MY MIND ON THAT BRIDGE GAME! I'VE GOT TO THINK OF A SUITABLE GIFT FOR MIMI! IT CAN'T BE FURS OR JEWELS.. SHE HAS ENOUGH OF THAT!

IF IT'S MY MONEY YOU WANT, I CAN GIVE YOU MY WALLET RIGHT NOW!
I'M PULLING THIS JOB MY OWN WAY! WE'RE DRIVING TO A NICE, QUIET SPOT WHERE I CAN DO WHAT I PLEASE WITHOUT COLLECTING AN AUDIENCE!

AN HOUR LATER, IN THE COUNTRY...
A CEMETERY? (GASP!)
YEAH, I NEED IT FOR INSPIRATION! YOUR WIFE KNOWS THIS SPOT WELL... SHE COMES HERE OFTEN!
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Now! The Amazing Facts about

BALDNESS

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or *alopecia*, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician

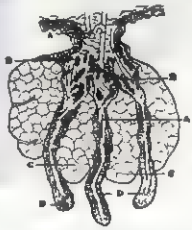
BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. ***DRY SEBORRHEA.*** The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itchiness. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

2. ***OILY SEBORRHEA.*** The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result.

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is to INVITE BALDNESS.



DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES
Caused By Seborrhea
A — Dead hairs; B — Hair-destroying bacteria, C — Hypertrophied sebaceous glands; D — Atrophic follicles

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and acnes bacillus

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies Baldness is the inevitable result (See illustration)

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YES! LOOK AT HIM, MY DEAR! NOT VERY PRETTY, EH? HE'S EVEN LESS PRETTY UNDER THE BLANKET! THERE'S A GAPING HOLE WHERE HIS HEART USED TO BE!
IT WAS HIS HEART THAT I RECEIVED! B-BUT YOU... YOU'RE DEAD!
BUT NOT INACTIVE! I FIGURED THE NICE THING TO DO ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY WAS FOR A MAN TO SEND HIS HEART TO HIS BELOVED! SO I ACCOMODATED ED! I'LL GLADLY DO THE SAME FOR YOU! I NEVER WANTED ANYTHING BUT YOUR HEART, ANYWAY.. DEAR VALENTINE!
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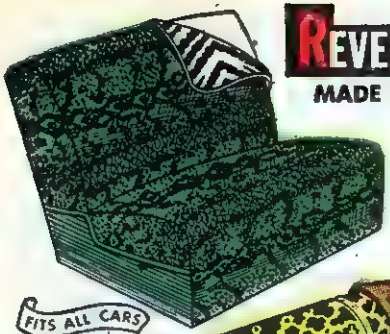

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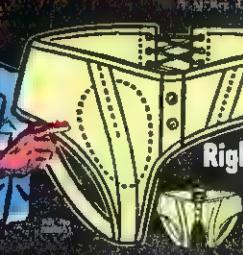

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IT HAPPENED IN THE MORGUE

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU REACHED ME, GENTLEMEN! YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME TROUBLE IN GETTING A DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR THIS CORPSE!
THAT'S WHY WE CALLED YOU, CROCKETT! FORGET THOSE BULLET WOUNDS AND CERTIFY THIS CREEP'S DEATH WAS "DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES!"
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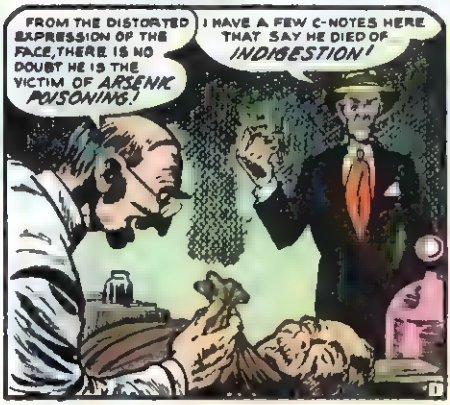
WITH A GRIM SMILE, CORONER CALEB CROCKETT FILLS OUT HIS FALSE DEATH REPORT..

THERE! YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE BURYING HIM AT ONCE! AND NOW, THREE BULLET PUNCTURES AT A HUNDRED DOLLARS PER WOUND..
HERE, CROCKETT! HALF A GRAND! BUY YOURSELF SOME GOOD CIGARS!

AND THUS WHILE PLYING HIS LOW-PAYING CITY JOB, CORONER CROCKETT FINDS AN EASY WAY TO SUPPLEMENT HIS INCOME.


FROM THE DISTORTED EXPRESSION OF THE FACE, THERE IS NO DOUBT HE IS THE VICTIM OF ARSENIC POISONING!
I HAVE A FEW C-NOTES HERE THAT SAY HE DIED OF INDIGESTION!

INDIGESTION! JUST THE CONCLUSION I WAS COMING TO! I'LL FILL OUT THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, BUT I ADVISE YOU TO GET RID OF THE "FOOD" THAT GAVE HIM THIS SEVERE CASE OF INDIGESTION!
DEATH CE
AND WITH GREEDY EYES, CALEB CROCKETT WATCHES HIS WALL SAFE FILL...
A FEW MORE YEARS AS CORONER, WITH A GOOD RUN OF "NATURAL DEATHS," AND I'LL BE READY TO RETIRE!
BUT AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BRINGS CALEB CROCKETT TO A CEMETERY..
YOUR CERTIFICATE READS "NATURAL CAUSES" BUT SOMEONE SAID WE'D FIND HALF A DOZEN KNIFE WOUNDS ON THE BODY!
SOME CRANK, NO DOUBT! BUT I'M READY TO STAND BY MY STATEMENT, OFFICER!
WITH MORBID FASCINATION, CALEB CROCKETT WATCHES, AS THE GRAVE DIGGERS PRY OPEN THE COFFIN...
CRACK!
WELL, OFFICER, WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
WHAT THE DEVIL? THERE IS NO EVIDENCE!
WITH FEIGNED ASTONISHMENT, CORONER CROCKETT LOOKS INTO THE COFFIN AT THE LURID REMAINS...
WHY, THERE'S NO BODY AT ALL!
LIME! THAT'S WHAT DID IT! SOMEONE DELIBERATELY POURED LIME OVER THE BODY TO DESTROY THE FLESH!
I'M UTTERLY AMAZED, OFFICER! BUT AS YOU KNOW, MY JOB ENDS WITH THE DEATH CERTIFICATE! I DON'T BURY THE BODIES!
I KNOW, CROCKETT! BUT SOMEONE ADVISED THE BURIERS TO DUMP IN THE LIME! MY BEAT'S AROUND YOUR PLACE! I'LL BE DROPPING IN ON YOU, NOW AND THEN!
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A FEW DAYS LATER, THE COP DEPOSITS A BODY FOR CORONER'S CERTIFICATION...

THERE IT IS, OFFICER! D.O.A. ..DEAD ON ARRIVAL!

I'VE BEEN READING UP ON THE LAW, CORONER! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE CERTAIN TESTS TO BE SURE THE PERSON *IS* DEAD!

D.O.A.

OF COURSE, OFFICER! THE VERY THING I EXPECT TO DO BEFORE I MAIL IN THE CERTIFICATION...BUT THESE TESTS ARE NOT FOR DELICATE STOMACHS!

ALL RIGHT, CORONER! BUT KEEP TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW...THE D.A.'S WATCHING YOU!

YES, I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE TESTS, OFFICER! MY FIRST TWO YEARS ON THIS JOB I PERFORMED THEM ON *EVERYBODY!* BY NOW I KNOW WHEN A STIFF IS DEAD! NO SENSE WASTING TIME!

BUT WHEN CALEB CROCKETT RETURNS FROM MAILING THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, HIS EYES GAPE INCREDULOUSLY, AS THE "DEAD" CORPSE SUDDENLY MOVES AND STARTS TO RISE...

WITH FANTASTIC SLOWNESS, AS IF RETURNING FROM ANOTHER WORLD, THE "BODY" GRADUALLY SITS UP...

SUSPENDED ANIMATION! NO BREATHING! NO PUPIL DILATIONS! AND NOW HE'S BECOMING CONSCIOUS AGAIN!

I...I ALREADY CERTIFIED HIM AS *DEAD!* THE REPORT IS IN THE MAIL! IF THEY LEARN OF THIS, THEY'LL KNOW I *DIDN'T* MAKE THE REQUIRED TESTS! I'LL LOSE MY LICENSE AND MY LUSH SIDE-LINE MONEY! WELL, I *SAID* THE MAN WAS *DEAD*... NOW I'LL MAKE IT *TRUE!*

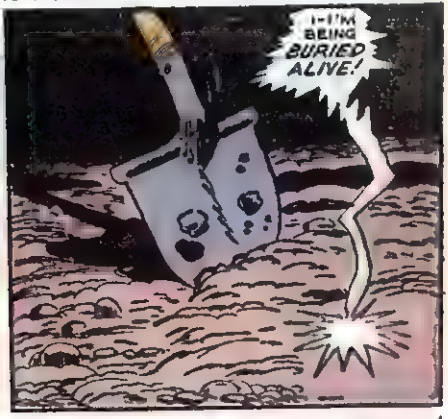
WITH A SMALL, BUT WELL-PLACED INCISION, THE DEADLY KNIFE PERFORMS ITS LOATHSOME TASK...

THE NEXT DAY AS CORONER CROCKETT EXPERIMENTS WITH AN EMBALMING FLUID IN HIS LAB, THE HEAVY FUMES BEGIN TO STIFLE AND CHOKE HIM...

BUT THE DIZZYING FUMES TAKE SWIFT EFFECT AND CALEB CROCKETT SINKS TO THE FLOOR.

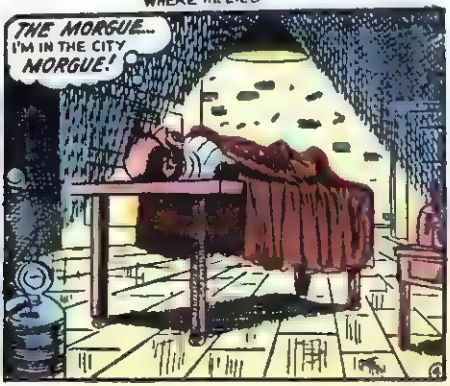
THE NEXT THING HE IS CONSCIOUS OF IS A HEAVY WEIGHT, AN EVER-INCREASING WEIGHT, PRESSING DOWN ON HIS BODY... .

HIS WILD EYES GLANCE UP IN TERROR, AS THROUGH HIS FEAR-GRIPPED MIND ONE TERRIBLE THOUGHT FLASHES...



SUDDENLY, HIS EYES BLINK...THE NIGHTMARE ENDS! CALEB CROCKETT SEES THAT THE WEIGHT PRESSING DOWN ON HIM IS ONLY A BLANKET -

HIS EYES GAZE UPWARD AT THE BLINDING OVERHEAD LIGHT! GRADUALLY THEY BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO ITS GLARE, AND WITH SICKENING HORROR, CALEB CROCKETT REALIZES WHERE HE LIES

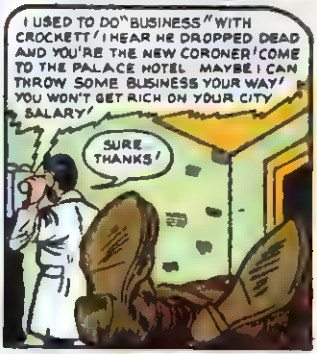


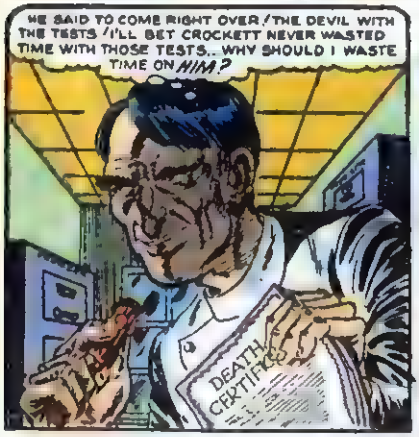
HIS FIRST IMPULSE IS TO SPRING FROM THE MORGUE TABLE, BUT THEN WITH ABJECT TERROR, CALEB CROCKETT FINDS HE CANNOT MOVE A MUSCLE...

THE FUMES HAVE COMPLETELY PARALYZED ME! NO WONDER THEY BROUGHT ME HERE! I MUST HAVE SHOWN EVERY SUPERFICIAL SYMPTOM OF BEING DEAD!

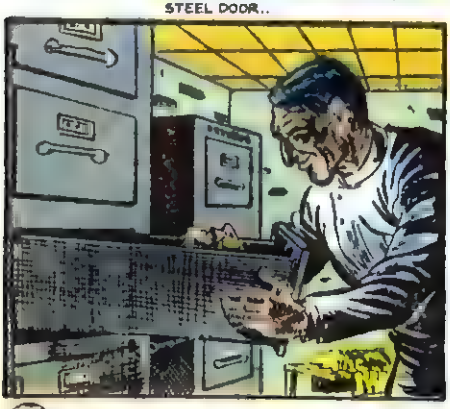
I FOUND CORONER CROCKETT LYING, APPARENTLY DEAD, IN HIS OFFICE! BUT YOU BETTER MAKE A THOROUGH CHECK... YOU KNOW THE LAW!
SURE, OFFICER, SURE! I'M THE NEW CORONER! I'LL GIVE HIM THE WORKS!

AS THE OFFICER LEAVES, THE PHONE RINGS! THE YOUNG NEW CORONER ANSWERS AND IN THE STILLNESS OF THE DREARY ROOM, CALEB CROCKETT CAN HEAR THE SPEAKER...

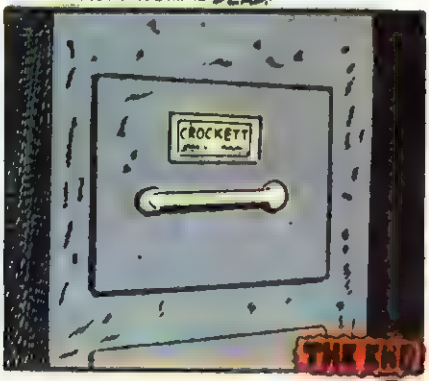

I USED TO DO "BUSINESS" WITH CROCKETT! I HEAR HE DROPPED DEAD AND YOU'RE THE NEW CORONER! COME TO THE PALACE HOTEL MAYBE I CAN THROW SOME BUSINESS YOUR WAY! YOU WON'T GET RICH ON YOUR CITY SALARY!
SURE THANKS!


HE SAID TO COME RIGHT OVER! THE DEVIL WITH THE TESTS! I'LL BET CROCKETT NEVER WASTED TIME WITH THOSE TESTS... WHY SHOULD I WASTE TIME ON HIM?
DEATH CERTIFICATE

UNABLE TO MOVE OR CALL, CALEB CROCKETT STARES UP IN HORROR, AS HE SEES HIMSELF BEING SLID THROUGH A STEEL DOOR..



WITH GRIM FINALITY, THE DOOR SLAMS SHUT ON THE AIRLESS MORGUE VAULT, AND IN MINUTES, CALEB CROCKETT KNOWS HE'LL BE ABLE TO PASS ANY OFFICIAL TEST...AS DEAD!



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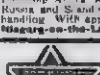

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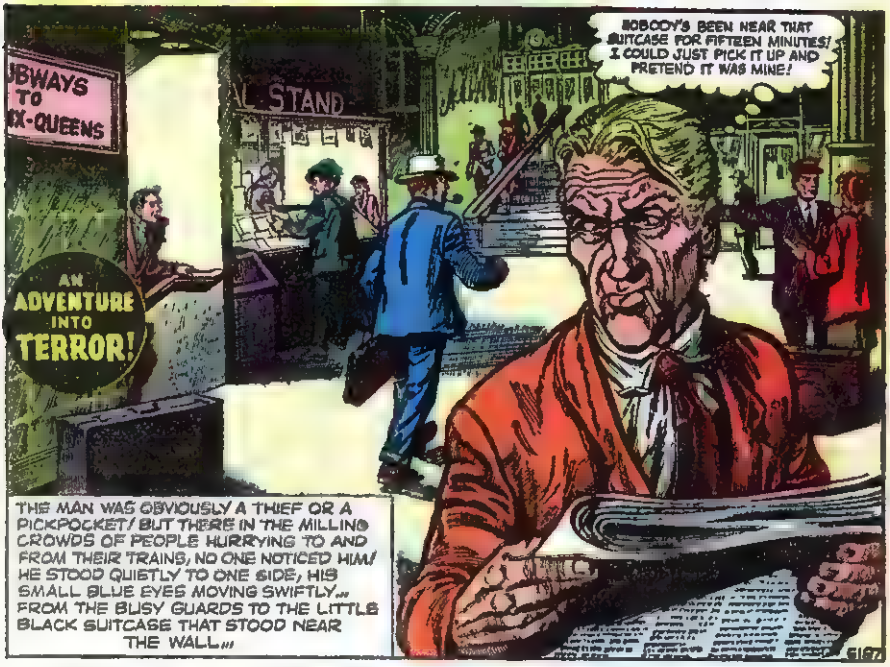
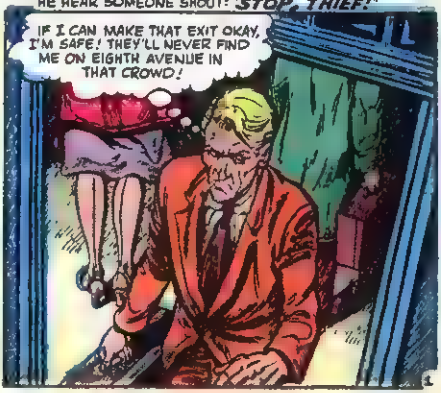
NOW WE WANT TO TEACH YOU A LITTLE LESSON, KIDDIES...NAMELY, **NOT** TO BE CURIOUS ABOUT SUITCASES YOU MIGHT SEE LEFT AROUND CARELESSLY...'CAUSE **YOU** MIGHT END UP LIKE JOEY!

THE SUITCASE!


UBWAYS TO IX-QUEENS
L STAND
AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!
NOBODY'S BEEN NEAR THAT SUITCASE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES! I COULD JUST PICK IT UP AND PRETEND IT WAS MINE!
THE MAN WAS OBVIOUSLY A THIEF OR A PICKPOCKET! BUT THERE IN THE MILLING CROWDS OF PEOPLE HURRYING TO AND FROM THEIR TRAINS, NO ONE NOTICED HIM! HE STOOD QUIETLY TO ONE SIDE, HIS SMALL BLUE EYES MOVING SWIFTLY... FROM THE BUSY GUARDS TO THE LITTLE BLACK SUITCASE THAT STOOD NEAR THE WALL...

WITH SWIFT, SURE STEPS THAT DID NOT BETRAY HIS TREMBLING HANDS, OR THE POUNDING OF HIS HEART, HE WALKED OVER TO THE SUITCASE AND PICKED IT UP! NO ONE SEEMED TO NOTICE...

QUICKLY HE TURNED AND HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE NEAREST EXIT...TERRIFIED, LEST AT ANY MOMENT HE HEAR SOMEONE SHOUT: "**STOP, THIEF!**"



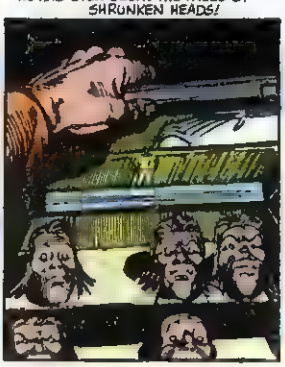
SAFELY OUT OF THE ZONE WHERE HE HAD PICKED UP THE SUITCASE, JOEY HEADED RIGHT FOR HIS ROOM ON 39TH AND 10TH AVENUE, CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT TO MAKE SURE HE HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWED...

HE COULD HARLY WAIT TO GET UPSTAIRS TO HIS ROOM, TO FIND OUT IF HE HAD MADE A WORTHWHILE HAUL...

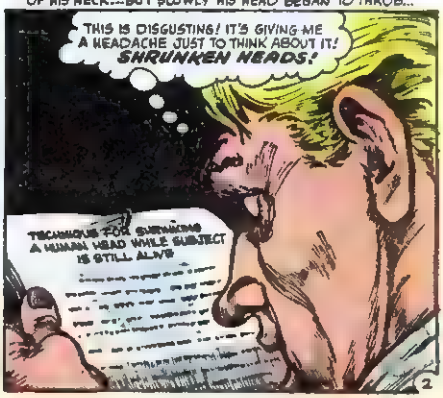
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN SELL, OR PAWN! THIS IS ALWAYS LIKE A TREASURE HUNT! Y'NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA GET WHEN YOU SWIPE A BAG!

FINALLY THE LOCK GAVE WAY...AND THEN...

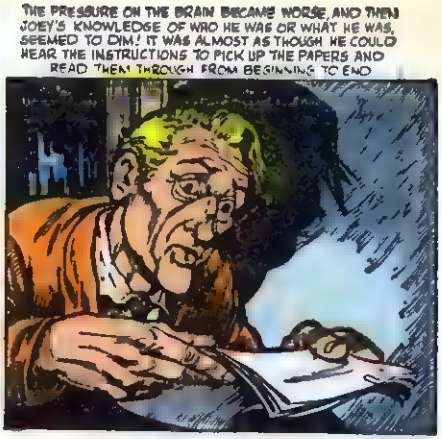
THERE INSIDE THE BOX, ROW ON ROW, STARING AT HIM OUT OF DEEP SIGHTLESS EYES, WERE THE MOST TERRIFYING FACES HE HAD EVER SEEN! THE FACES OF SHRUNKEN HEADS!



HE PICKED UP THE PAPERS AND BEGAN TO READ! HE DIDN'T SEE THE GLEAMING EYES, FOCUSED ON THE BACK OF HIS NECK...BUT SLOWLY HIS HEAD BEGAN TO THROB...


THIS IS DISGUSTING! IT'S GIVING ME A HEADACHE JUST TO THINK ABOUT IT! SHRUNKEN HEADS!
TECHNIQUE FOR SHRINKING A HUMAN HEAD WHILE SUBJECT IS STILL ALIVE

MY HEAD. IT FEELS LIKE IT'S SPLITTIN' WIDE OPEN! ALMOST LIKE THOSE EYES WERE WATCHING ME!


THE PRESSURE ON THE BRAIN BECAME WORSE, AND THEN JOEY'S KNOWLEDGE OF WHO HE WAS OR WHAT HE WAS, SEEMED TO DIM! IT WAS ALMOST AS THOUGH HE COULD HEAR THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PICK UP THE PAPERS AND READ THEM THROUGH FROM BEGINNING TO END

HIS MIND NO LONGER UNDER HIS OWN CONTROL, JOEY MOVED LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE.. FIRST TO THE CLOSET TO FIND THE INGREDIENTS CALLED FOR IN THE PAPERS...
AMMONIA...IODINE SALT...

HE POURED THEM INTO A POT ON THE STOVE IN THE PROPORTIONS DIRECTED, AND THEY BEGAN TO BUBBLE AND BOIL WITH A FOUL SMELL!
YES... I AM FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS EXACTLY...

HE STOOD THERE STARING INTO THE POTION THAT WAS TAKING SHAPE! THE GAS FUMES BURNED HIS EYES, BUT HE WAS OBLIVIOUS OF EVERYTHING BUT MIXING THE FORMULA.

HE FOUND A TALL GLASS AND POURED THE SOLUTION FROM THE POT, UNAWARE THAT THE HEAT WAS BURNING HIS HAND..
AND NOW I DRINK IT...

HIS TREMBLING FINGERS COILED AROUND THE BURNING GLASS. AND LISTENING TO THE COMMANDS OF THE FAR-OFF HYPNOTIC VOICE HE LIFTED IT TO HIS LIPS

THE BOILING LIQUID WENT DOWN, BURNING HIS THROAT, TEARING AT HIS VITALS! IT COILED INSIDE HIM LIKE A LIVING THING, AND THEN HE COULD ONLY SCREAM.
AAAIIIEEE!!

IT WAS AS IF SOMEONE HAD HIS HEAD IN A CLAMP SQUEEZING IT TIGHTER AND TIGHTER

HIS BODY REMAINED UNAFFECTED BUT HIS HEAD BEGAN TO SHRINK AND SHRIVEL

LIKE A BALLOON LETTING OUT AIR, SLOWLY GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER ..WRINKLING UP INTO SOMETHING OUT OF ANOTHER WORLD...

UNTIL HIS HEAD WAS EXACTLY THE SAME SIZE AS THE OTHERS THAT LINED THE SHELVES IN THE BLACK SUITCASE!

BUT STILL THE EYES STARED AT HIM...STILL THEY HAD HIM UNDER THEIR CONTROL! THE PROCESS WAS NOT YET FINISHED! ONE MORE THING HAD TO BE DONE

YES...(GASP!)...I HEAR YOU... I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW...

HE STAGGERED OVER TO THE TABLE WHERE THE BREAKFAST DISHES REMAINED UNWASHED...HIS HAND GROPED AROUND UNTIL IT FOUND WHAT IT WANTED! HIS FINGERS COILED AROUND THE HANDLE OF THE BREAD KNIFE

THEY FOUND HIM NEXT MORNING WHEN THE LANDLADY CAME TO CLEAN UP THE ROOM! HE WAS LYING NEXT TO THE RUMPLED BED..

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT THE NEW HEADLESS CORPSE MURDER! EXTRA! EXTRA!

THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED, ALTHOUGH NOBODY ELSE KNOWS THE TRUTH! NOW, IF *YOU* HAPPEN TO SEE A SUITCASE IN A PUBLIC PLACE, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE IT! IT DOESN'T REALLY BELONG TO ANYBODY IN PARTICULAR! AND BESIDES, WE'VE ALWAYS GOT ROOM FOR **ONE MORE,** IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A **GOOD HEAD** ON YOUR SHOULDERS!

THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

tell anyone who comes in all about what happened, if they'll only stay to listen. But of course they won't. They cut and run out of the place as soon as they see him."

"And you mean to say," Stevens asked incredulously, "do you mean to tell me that just because they're afraid of an old harmless ghost, not a single one of those hicks will stick around long enough to find out where he buried the loot?"

"Listen, mister," the other told him. "Don't forget you've never seen the ghost of old Gaflin!"

Eldridge Stevens nodded, but, secretly, he felt that he couldn't be scared away from that much money by any spectre—no matter how horrible. He doubted the truth of the story—"Who believes in ghosts anyway?" he would say—but he remembered the eerie yarn over the years and made up his mind to drop in on the deserted Gaflin mansion if ever he chanced to be in that part of the country.

And, eventually, the day came when he was.

Having had a good dinner at the local hotel, he took a long walk to the edge of town. There, in dark and lonely acres, towered the Gaflin house, fully as run-down and rejected a piece of real estate as the little man had said it was. The fire had left it a charred skeleton of a house.

Not believing the tale that had been told to him long years ago, Stevens opened the creaky door and stepped inside. And saw the ghost of old Gaflin!

"Welcome, stranger," wheezed the transparent figure of the old man who had died long before. He sighed as if in tremendous agony and began to talk in a jerky, rapid fashion, to tell the story of the murder he had committed and of the penance he had to pay. He paused suddenly, as if in surprise. "Why do you stay?" he asked. "Alll the others ran away."

"I'll stay," Eldridge Stevens told him doggedly, although the fear of the other man's obvious and invisible suffering almost made him want to bolt off into the night, "I'll stay until you tell me where you buried the loot of the robbery."

The ghost almost smiled. "Of course, if you want to know. It's under the largest apple tree in the garden, on the side facing the house. And here are the tools for the job."

His spectral, quivering hand indicated a rusty pick and shovel in the corner against an almost burned-out wall. Eldridge Stevens seized them greedily and ran out into the garden. He began to dig immediately and feverishly, not even bothering to remove his coat. After almost an hour of frenzied work in the moonlight, his pick struck a metal box. He cleared the soil away with clawed fingers and reached down for the treasure. To his surprise, he toppled into the hole and lay, unable to rise.

"Wh-what's happening to me?" he mumbled.

"The same thing that happened to me," a gloating voice told him from above. Looking up, he saw the ghost of old Gaflin, still writhing in its untold, unguessable, unworldly agonies. "For greediness and murder most foul, I was sentenced to haunt this house amid incredible tortures until a man should come along who would be greedier than me, so greedy that he would overcome a mortal's normal fear of spirits out of lust for the money hidden in the garden. *You* are that man. *You* are greedier than me. *You* are as old as I was when I died—and you are dying of the same thing: an overworked bad heart! And now, when at last I will be free, you will remain behind for all eternity, suffering the tortures I suffered! You're a ghost, Eldridge Stevens!"

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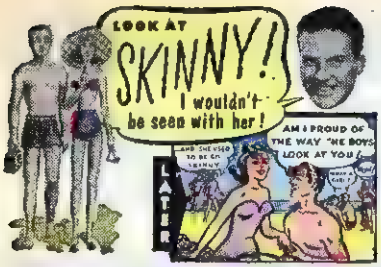

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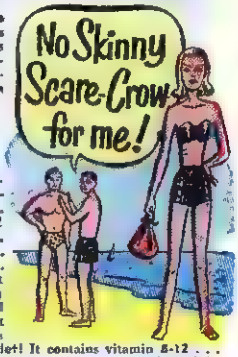

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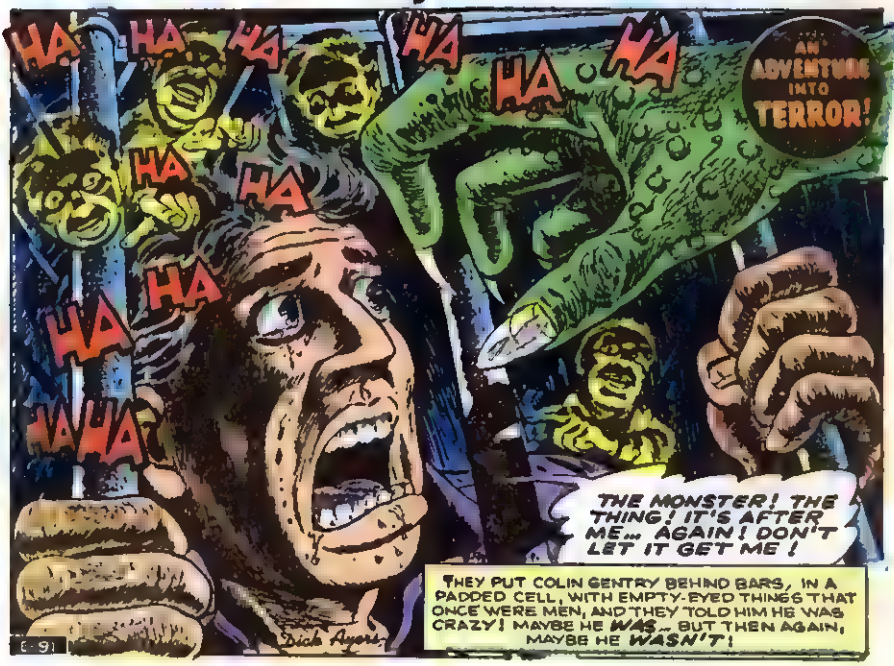
CRAZY, MAN!


HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!
THE MONSTER! THE THING! IT'S AFTER ME... AGAIN! DON'T LET IT GET ME!
THEY PUT COLIN GENTRY BEHIND BARS, IN A PADDED CELL, WITH EMPTY-EYED THINGS THAT ONCE WERE MEN, AND THEY TOLD HIM HE WAS CRAZY! MAYBE HE WAS... BUT THEN AGAIN, MAYBE HE WASN'T!
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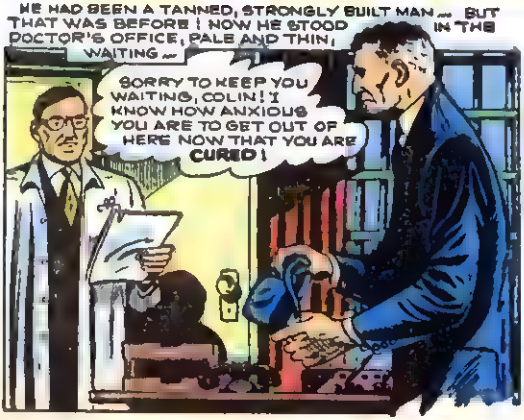
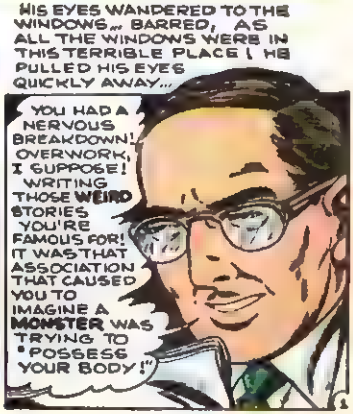
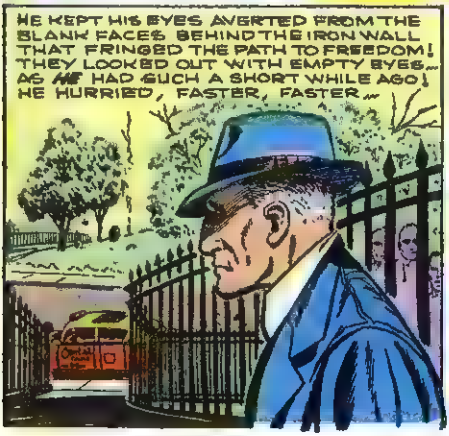

HE HAD BEEN A TANNED, STRONGLY BUILT MAN... BUT IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, PALE AND THIN, WAITING...
THAT WAS BEFORE! NOW HE STOOD
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, COLIN! I KNOW HOW ANXIOUS YOU ARE TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW THAT YOU ARE CURED!

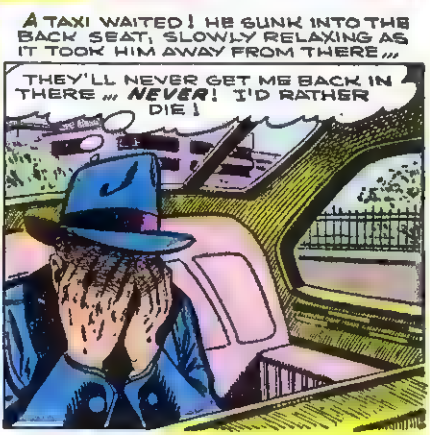

HIS EYES WANDERED TO THE WINDOWS... BARRED, AS ALL THE WINDOWS WERE IN THIS TERRIBLE PLACE! HE PULLED HIS EYES QUICKLY AWAY...
YOU HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN! OVERWORK, I SUPPOSE! WRITING THOSE WEIRD STORIES YOU'RE FAMOUS FOR! IT WAS THAT ASSOCIATION THAT CAUSED YOU TO IMAGINE A MONSTER WAS TRYING TO "POSSESS YOUR BODY!"

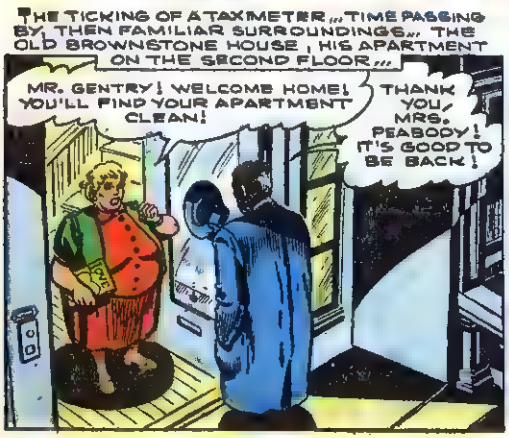
YOU CAN SEE NOW HOW FOOLISH YOU WERE TO BELIEVE THAT FANTASTIC IDEA ABOUT THE MONSTER, CAN'T YOU?
YES, SIR!
CASE HISTORY:

NOW TAKE IT EASY, DON'T OVERWORK; AND LET'S HAVE NO MORE OF THIS NONSENSE ABOUT MONSTERS! WE DON'T WANT YOU BACK HERE AGAIN!

HE WALKED DOWN THE LONG CORRIDOR... DOWN THE LONG FLIGHT OF STEPS, HIS STRIDE QUICKENING WITH EACH STEP! HE WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM THERE... FAST!


HE KEPT HIS EYES AVERTED FROM THE BLANK FACES BEHIND THE IRON WALL THAT FRINGED THE PATH TO FREEDOM! THEY LOOKED OUT WITH EMPTY EYES... AS ME HAD SUCH A SHORT WHILE AGO! HE HURRIED, FASTER, FASTER...


A TAXI WAITED! HE SUNK INTO THE BACK SEAT, SLOWLY RELAXING AS IT TOOK HIM AWAY FROM THERE...
THEY'LL NEVER GET ME BACK IN THERE... NEVER! I'D RATHER DIE!


THE TICKING OF A TAXIMETER... TIME PASSING BY, THEN FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS... THE OLD BROWNSTONE HOUSE, HIS APARTMENT ON THE SECOND FLOOR...
MR. GENTRY! WELCOME HOME! YOU'LL FIND YOUR APARTMENT CLEAN!
THANK YOU, MRS. PEABODY! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

SHE'S FRIGHTENED! WHY? SHE HAS NO REASON TO BE SCARED OF ME... OR HAS SHE?

THE STRANGE LOOK IN THE EYES OF THE MAN UPSTAIRS ... THE WAY HE PASSES BY AS THOUGH AFRAID OF TOUCHING COLIN ...

HELLO, MR. SLAVIN!

ER... HELLO!

THEN HE WAS IN HIS ROOM; THE DOOR SHUT AGAINST THEM ALL ... AGAINST THE WHOLE WORLD!

WORK ... MAYBE THAT'S THE SOLUTION! FORGET EVERYTHING! BUT I DON'T HAVE AN IDEA ... MY BRAIN SEEMS EXHAUSTED!

MORE TIME PASSED ... DAYS ... WEEKS! HIS FRIENDS AVOIDED HIM ...

I'M AN OUTCAST, ONE OF THOSE LABELED "CRAZY"! IT DOESN'T MATTER TO THEM THAT I'M CURED! I CAN'T STAND THEIR STARES! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM PEOPLE AND THE WAY THEY LOOK AT ME!

I'LL GO TO THAT PLACE IN MAINE THAT I ALWAYS LIKED! GET BEN BROWNE TO GUIDE ME ... DO A BIT OF HUNTING!

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ... MEET BEN AND GET INTO THE WOODS! BEN DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HIS BREAKDOWN ... BEN DIDN'T LOOK AT HIM DIFFERENTLY ...

I THINK WE OUGHTTA HEAD BACK FOR CAMP! GETTIN' DARK AN' A STORM'S BLOWIN' UP!

THEY STARTED BACK! THE STORM CAME UP FAST AND BROUGHT DARKNESS WITH IT ...

AIN'T GOIN' TO MAKE IT! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR SHELTER TO STAY IN TILL IT BLOWS OVER!

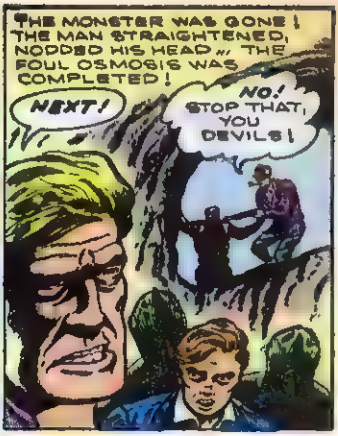
RIGHT!

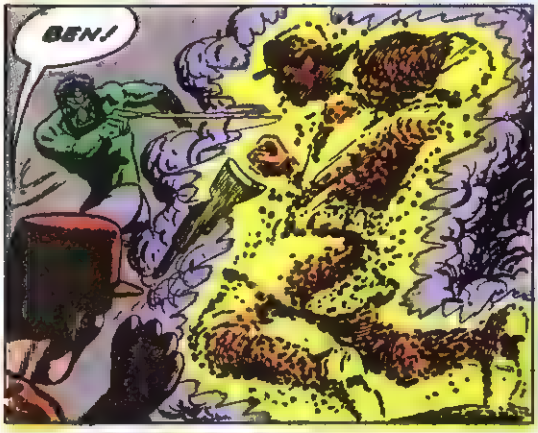
SUDDENLY HE REMEMBERED IT WAS A NIGHT LIKE THIS THAT HE FIRST BEGAN TO HAVE THE HALLUCINATIONS ABOUT THE MONSTER THAT WAS TRYING TO POSSESS HIM ... THE THING THAT LED TO HIS MENTAL BREAKDOWN AND THE ASYLUM ...

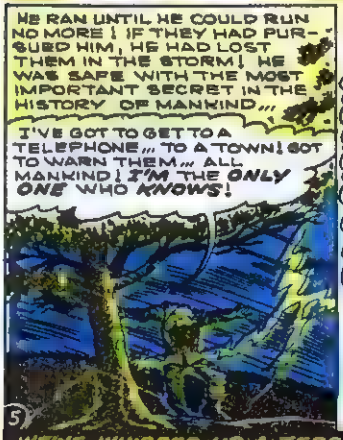
I MUSTN'T REMEMBER THAT ... MUST PUT THOUGHTS LIKE THAT OUT OF MY MIND!

JUST ABOUT MADE IT! WE'LL WAIT OUT THE STORM NICE AN' COZY!
LISTEN! DID YOU HEAR THAT?
HEAR WHAT?
VOICES FROM DEEP IN THE CAVE!
YEAH, I HEAR SOMETHING! THERE SEEMS TO BE A LIGHT COMIN' FROM BEYOND THE BEND THERE! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
"THEY CRAWLED TOWARD THE BACK OF THE CAVE, AROUND THE BEND OF ROCK! THEY WERE ON A LEDGE AND THE LIGHT WAS AHEAD, AND IN THE LIGHT THERE STOOD... "THINGS"...
SUFFERIN' CATFISH! THEY AIN'T... HUMAN!
THE MONSTERS... THE ONES I SAW THE OTHER TIME!
WE HAVE HAD SOME FAILURES, DRIVING THE HUMANS WE'VE TRIED TO POSSESS INTO MENTAL BREAKDOWNS! BUT NOW WE'VE MASTERED THE TECHNIQUE! WE MUST NOT FAIL! FOR ONLY ON THIS PLANET CAN WE FIND THE ELEMENTS THAT SUPPORT OUR KIND OF LIFE!
WE MUST TAKE HUMAN BODIES, SO WE CAN MINGLE WITH THE EARTHLINGS IN HIGH PLACES AND GRADUALLY CONQUER EARTH FOR OUR OWN; AND REMOVE HUMAN LIFE FROM THIS PLANET! BRING OUT THE SUBJECTS!
GOSH! I RECOGNIZE SOME OF THOSE FELLERS FROM PICTURES IN THE PAPERS! THAT FAMOUS SCIENTIST THERE... THE BIG SHIPBUILDER...
A GOVERNOR... A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR... A SENATOR... PUBLISHER...

THEN THEY SAW ONE OF THE "THINGS", STEP UP TO A HUMAN SUBJECT! THE BULK THAT WAS THE MONSTER WAVERED, BECAME TRANSPARENT... THE HUMAN SCREAMED...
NO! MY BRAIN! EEEY!!!!!!!!!!!






HE RAN UNTIL HE COULD RUN NO MORE! IF THEY HAD PURSUED HIM, HE HAD LOST THEM IN THE STORM! HE WAS SAFE WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT SECRET IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND...
I'VE GOT TO GET TO A TELEPHONE... TO A TOWN! GOT TO WARN THEM... ALL MANKIND! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS!
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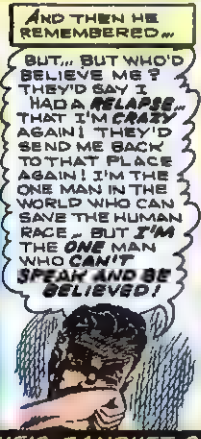
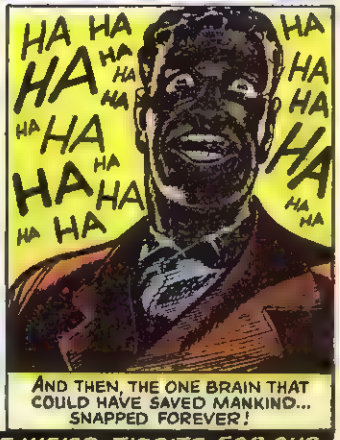

AND THEN HE REMEMBERED...
BUT... BUT WHO'D BELIEVE ME? THEY'D SAY I HAD A RELAPSE... THAT I'M CRAZY AGAIN! THEY'D SEND ME BACK TO THAT PLACE AGAIN! I'M THE ONE MAN IN THE WORLD WHO CAN SAVE THE HUMAN RACE... BUT I'M THE ONE MAN WHO CAN'T SPEAK AND BE BELIEVED!



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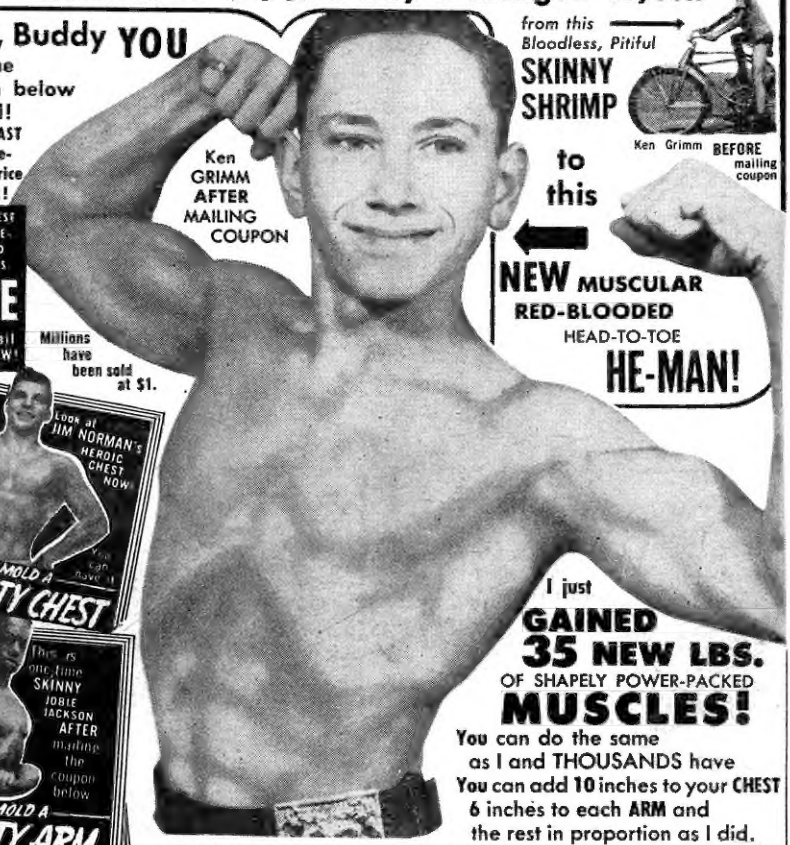

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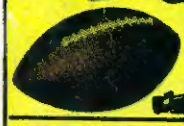

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